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SUBJECT: CUBAN FLIGHTS TO ANGOLA

REF: LISBON 7584, 7632

1. ACCORDING DOD INFORMATION, FOUR CUBAN BRITANNIAS
TRANSITED SANTA MARIA EN ROUTE TO OR FROM HAVANA AND
AFRICA DURING PERIOD DECEMBER 19-23. THESE FLIGHTS WERE
SUBJECT OF AMBASSADOR'S AND DEFENSE ATTACHE'S APPROACHES
TO FOREIGN MINISTRY AND SENIOR PAF OFFICER. ON BASIS

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ASSURANCES GIVEN TO AMBASSADOR AND ABSENCE OF FURTHER

FLIGHTS AFTER DECEMBER 23, WE HAD NOT PLANNED TO RAISE
MATTER AGAIN WITH PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT.

2. WE ARE, HOWEVER, MOST DISTURBED BY NEW REPORT OF A
CUBAN TRANSIT OF SANTA MARIA ON DECEMBER 29. CHARGE SHOULD
THEREFORE MAKE AN URGENT HIGH-LEVEL APPROACH TO FOREIGN
MINISTER OR, IF NECESSARY, TO PRIME MINISTER, ASKING THEM
TO FORBID USE OF SANTA MARIA TO CUBAN AIRCRAFT FLYING
BETWEEN CUBA AND AFRICA, REGARDLESS OF DESTINATION. SOLE
PURPOSE OF THESE FLIGHTS IS TO TRANSPORT TROOPS AND WAR
MATERIEL IN SUPPORT OF SOVIET ADVENTURISM IN ANGOLA.

3. RE PRESS INQUIRIES ANTICIPATED IN LISBON 7694, YOU

SHOULD FOR THE TIME BEING DIRECT QUESTIONERS TO
PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT. WE SHALL DO SAME HERE IN ORDER TO
AVOID PUBLICLY PRESSURING GOP ON ASSUMPTION IT WILL BE
RESPONSIVE TO OUR APPROACH.

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